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**STATEMENT BY THE
DELEGATION OF SWITZERLAND AT THE 693rd MEETING OF
THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Chairman,

Switzerland is also concerned at the course and outcome of the recent parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan. Concern and criticism have been expressed since the elections in various statements by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Parliamentary Assembly, and also in today's meeting of the Permanent Council. Some observers even conclude that the results of these elections cannot be regarded as the will of the people.

The delegation of Switzerland shares these apprehensions and appeals to the powers that be to take heed of the lessons that these elections impose.

Thank you for your attention.